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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM
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TO: The Secretary
FROM: EA - Paul Wolfowitz
SUBJECT: Checklist for Your Visit to China

GLOBAL AND REGIONAL ISSUES

- Must work to eliminate fundamental obstacles to world peace and prosperity.
- US-China rapprochement has brought about fundamental shifts in global/regional power balances favorable to both of us.
- Soviet threat unchanged; need to work together to counter it.
- In dealing with Soviets, need to keep each other's interests in mind.
- In Afghanistan, must keep working to stop outside aggression.
- In Kampuchea, need continued coordination aimed at driving out Vietnamese and restoring peace.
- Must continue promote peace/stability on Korean peninsula.
- Need to take constructive approaches in Middle East and southern Africa.
- Must deal with pressing problems of global recession and Third World poverty.

BILATERAL RELATIONS

- President highly values US-China relations.
- Both sides derive many benefits from the relationship--strategic and bilateral.
- Need to build mutual trust and confidence, put relationship on stable footing, regain momentum.
- Need to restore regular dialogue at high levels; hope Premier Zhao can accept President's invitation to visit US.
- Want to resume regular exchanges on global and regional issues at Under Secretary/Vice Foreign Minister level.
- (If appropriate) Should gradually restore defense element in relationship.
- Economic relations growing rapidly; benefit both; future bright.
- We support China's modernization program and we are trying to do our part.

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- Pleased with progress under S&T Agreement; look forward to further expansion.
- Are inviting Space Minister for shuttle launch.
- Want invite Chinese delegation to US for nuclear cooperation discussions.

BILATERAL IRRITANTS

- Need to view bilateral irritants in context of overall strategic and bilateral interests.
- Taiwan difficult issue; ask you have faith in our fundamental constancy and direction.
- Much progress already made on tech transfer; need efforts on your part too.
- Need secure environment for investors.
- Must work to broaden understanding of respective market conditions.
- Prepared renew textile discussions any time, but ability be forthcoming is limited.
- Whatever outcome of Hu Na asylum request, we can't force her to return to China; free to go anywhere that admits her.

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